

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously presented) A patch containing tulobuterol prepared by laminating an adhesive layer consisting of a rubber, an adhesive resin and a plasticizer on a backing, wherein 1 to 4 w/w % of tulobuterol as an active ingredient and 0.1 to 3 w/w % of a higher fatty acid as a drug-release controlling agent are contained in the said adhesive layer.

2. (Currently amended) The patch according to claim 1 wherein 5 to 35 w/w % of the ~~gum~~ rubber, 20 to 70 w/w % of an adhesive resin and 5 to 60 w/w % of a plasticizer are contained in the above adhesive layer.

3. (Original) The patch according to claim 1 wherein the higher fatty acid is C₁₁₋₂₂ fatty acid.